

January 25, 2003

The Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle
600 Fifth Avenue, 12th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Honorable Nickels:

I am writing to support the re-confirmation of Gary Zarker as Superintendent of Seattle City Light. I believe I can speak with some authority on what it takes to be a good superintendent at an electrical utility. I retired from Seattle City Light in 1999 with thirty-four years of service in the electrical energy field. My last position was that of Manager of the System Control Center. I continue to be employed in the utility industry as Manager of Scheduling for Power Resource Managers in Bellevue, Washington.

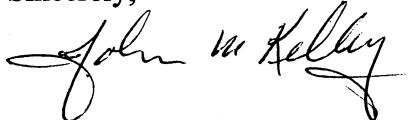
I worked closely with Gary during my last years at the utility. I always found him to be an honest, competent and fair manager. Gary always based his strategic plans and his decisions on what he believed to be best for the citizens of Seattle and the customers of Seattle City Light.

Gary came to the utility as a novice in the electrical utility field. He brought with him proven management skills in the public sector and a strong public service commitment. Gary was quick to learn the nuances of the electric utility trade and has elevated himself to a position of respect within the industry. He is recognized as an industry leader in the region and throughout the country. He has represented Seattle City Light well on energy and environmental issues. Gary, in my opinion, is one of the hardest working and most competent superintendents Seattle City Light has ever had.

The electrical industry continues to find itself in the midst of a period of great change. Public power seems to be continually under attack. It is more critical now than anytime in the past that the customers of Seattle City Light have strong leadership. Gary has provided and should continue to provide that leadership. I, as a person knowledgeable in the industry, a citizen of Seattle and a customer of Seattle City Light, encourage you to do everything in your power to retain Gary Zarker as Superintendent.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Kelley".

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